

IN THE CLAIMS

Substitute the following amended Claim 21 for the pending claim of the same number:

21. (Amended) A foaming composition for providing a cover layer comprising:

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- (a) a foaming agent,
 - (b) a clay mineral, and
 - (c) a water soluble polymer,

the composition when mixed with an aqueous carrier forming a foamed sprayable aqueous slurry suitable for providing a cover layer over a selected material.

Cancel claims 23 and 24.